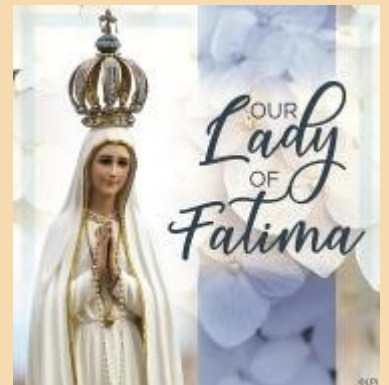


“O my Jesus,  
forgive us our sins,  
and save us from  
the fires of hell.  
Lead all souls to  
heaven, especially  
those in most need  
of Thy mercy.”

-Our Lady of Fatima



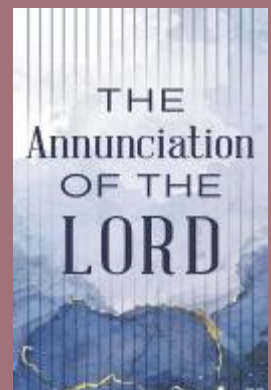
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**Daily Masses:** Monday – Tuesday: 7:30 am, Wednesdays: 7:30 am  
& 5:10 pm Spanish, Thursdays: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm,  
Friday: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 8:00 am & 4:30 pm;  
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm;  
Wednesday: 11:00-noon, 6:00-7:00 pm and by appointment



# WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN

Saint John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, and the sacraments. Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion.

“THE MORE A MAN USES MODERATION IN HIS LIFE, THE MORE HE IS AT PEACE,  
FOR HE IS NOT FULL OF CARES FOR MANY THINGS.”

-ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Fr. John Cousins  
Associate Pastor .....Fr. Donald Rank  
Principal, St. John School..... Mr. Chris Reffett  
Director of Liturgy & Music ..... Lisa Roush  
Director of Faith Formation .....Shelly Bole  
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High School Youth Director..... Anastasia Pine  
RCIA..... Michael Podrebarac  
Business Manager..... Cris Denning  
Assistant Administrator.....Meg Milburn  
Parish Coordinator ..... Ellen Sickinger  
Database .....Patty Guadian  
Multimedia Communication Coordinator .....Jacinta Hoyt  
Maintenance.....Jeff Jenicke

**Saint John Catholic School** ..... Mr. Chris Reffett, Principal  
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[www.sjevangelist.com/school](http://www.sjevangelist.com/school)

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**Rummage House**..... Linda Brey  
13th & Kentucky [lbrey525@gmail.com](mailto:lbrey525@gmail.com)

**Shopping Hours:**.....**Open (if staff is available)**  
Wednesday - 11:00 am-3:00 pm; Saturday - 8:30am-12:30 pm

**Centro Hispano**.....Lydia Diebolt  
204 W. 13th St. 785-843-2039  
[centrohispano.lydia@gmail.com](mailto:centrohispano.lydia@gmail.com)

## SIMON PARISH CENTER

**Mailing Address** ..... 1229 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS 66044

**Phone**.....785-843-0109

**Office Hours**.....**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**

Monday—Friday ..... 8:30 am—4:00 pm

### Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 8:00am 4:30 pm

Sunday ..... 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,

.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

### Mass sign up required for each weekend:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4A82DA0FDCE9-march2>

**Masses to be livestreamed at:** <https://sjevangelist.com/live/>

Sunday ..... 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (Spanish)

### Weekday Masses

Monday – Tuesday: 7:30 am, Wednesdays: 7:30 am & 5:10 pm (Spanish),

Thursdays: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm, Friday: 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)

Wednesday ..... 11:00 am-12:00 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm

Saturday ..... 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, and by appointment

### Bulletin Deadline

Submit info by **noon on Thursday** to [bulletin@sjevangelist.com](mailto:bulletin@sjevangelist.com)

ten (10) days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear.

Please submit text electronically (via computer/email) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

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**800-950-9952 x5833**

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Larry Koster, Jason Tanking,  
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# SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH • KNOWLEDGE • SERVICE • GROWTH



## ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Preschool - 8th Grade

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### JOB OPENING: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE DIRECTOR



St. John is currently looking for a Director for our Before/ After School program for the 2021-2022 school year. The Director will be in charge of managing the hiring, scheduling, and administration of the Before and After School program for the students of St. John Catholic School. If interested in this position, please contact Chris Reffett at: [creffett@sj eagles.com](mailto:creffett@sj eagles.com).

### SCHOOL MISSION

*Faith-Knowledge-Service-Growth*

All St. John Catholic School students will be challenged to grow in their faith and knowledge, learn to show respect and compassion for themselves and others, and live their beliefs through service in their community and the world.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Group

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High school youth group is now meeting weekly on Sunday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the church basement! For more information contact: [sjyouth@sjevangelist.com](mailto:sjyouth@sjevangelist.com).

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

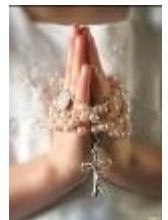
### 2021 ST. JOHN MEXICAN FIESTA SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are offered to qualifying students of Mexican descent from the Lawrence Catholic community who wish to pursue or continue a higher education either at a college, technical or trade school. Applicants must complete the financial assistance application form that is available at the St. John Parish office or by contacting Michael Ramirez at **785-766-5723** or [ramirezmarj@hotmail.com](mailto:ramirezmarj@hotmail.com). These forms must be **completed and returned to the St. John Parish office by April 5.**



### CATHOLIC JEWELRY AND ROSARIES

Please enjoy viewing the selection of beautiful religious articles displayed at: [www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/shop](http://www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/shop) while you search for a treasured item to treat you godchild, sponsored teen, or special friend in anticipation of the Easter, First Communion, and Confirmation. Items will ship directly to you within a week of purchase. If you decide to purchase an item, the **code 301** will ensure that St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will benefit from a return donation of 50 percent. Fr. John will earmark any such donation toward beautifying the North entryway of the church with repaired cement work. Questions? Email: [nora7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nora7@sbcglobal.net), or leave a message at **785-331-0421**.



# LENTEN OFFERINGS

## DONATE ONLINE TO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, RICE BOWL

The season of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect and make room in our hearts to welcome the stranger. Through our prayer, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we fast, we encounter the obstacles that stop us from fully loving God and our neighbor. When we give alms, we share what we have with others. For a Rice Bowl contact St. John Church office at 785-843-0109 or donate to Catholic Relief Services , Rice Bowl at: <https://www.csricebowl.org/>



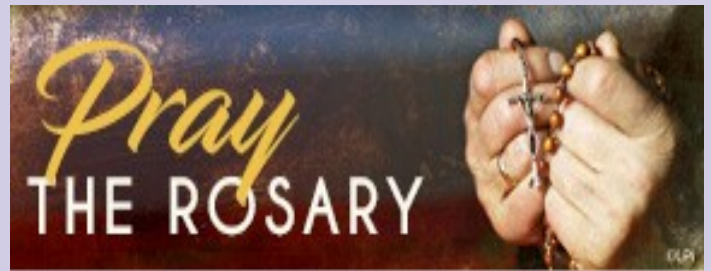
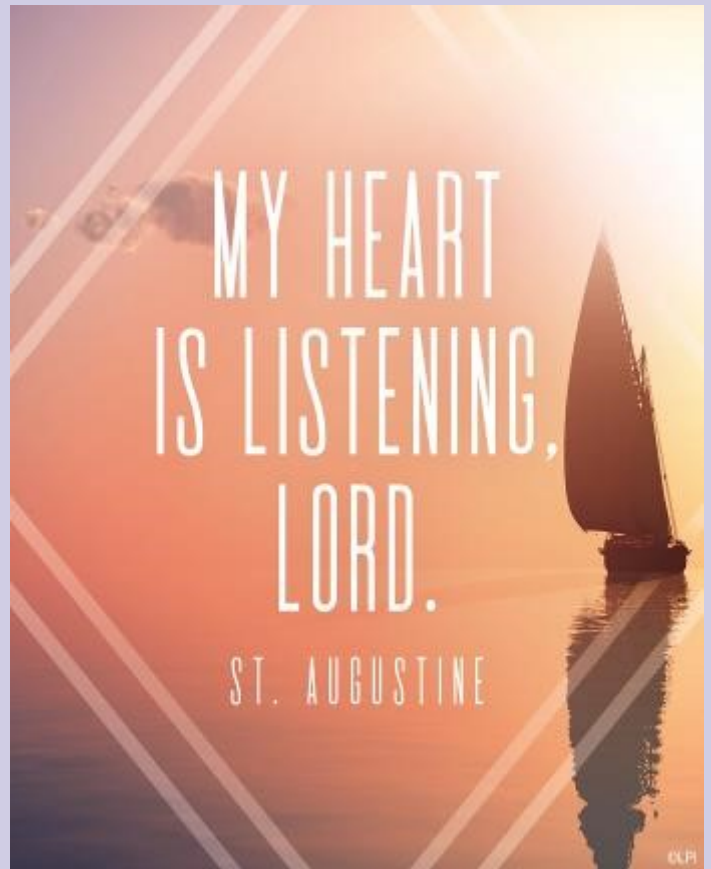
## WOMEN'S PRAYER AND REFLECTION GROUP

This group meets at **6:30 pm** **virtually on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.** No preparation is necessary and is open to all women who wish to be inspired by biblical women and saints. "Drop-ins" are always welcome.



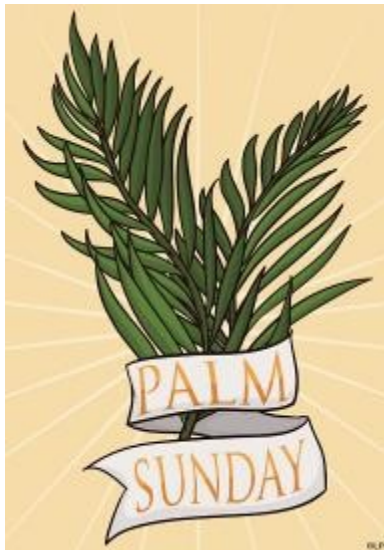
## MEN OF ST. JOHN:

Ongoing Wednesday mornings, The Men of St. John Ministry is currently using the "That Man is You" program presented by its parent group, Paradisus Dei. Due to the pandemic, each week a video segment is emailed to participants. There are currently **two different Zoom meetings held at 6:00 am and 7:00 am on Wednesday mornings.** During the Zoom meetings the group discusses the current weeks video and how it applies to our growth a Christians. All men are welcome to join us as the material covers Christian men and their faith journey and their journey as husbands, fathers, and friends.



## PALM SUNDAY VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPEN

On Palm Sunday, March 28 there is a need for two volunteers for each Mass to hand out palms before Mass begins. Each volunteer must wear gloves. Please contact Lisa or Meg at the parish office by **Thursday, March 25** to volunteer. Thank you.



## RELIGIOUS MEDIA

Check out radio station 1090 AM and EWTN Ch 92 on Midco cable TV for Catholic faith programs and information.



# STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

## WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Below reflects donations received July 1, 2020 through March 14, 2021.

Budgeted weekly collection amount .....	\$30,254.80
Average weekly collection amount.....	\$26,954.88
Budgeted collection fiscal YTD .....	\$1,119,427.60
Actual collection fiscal YTD.....	\$997,330.92
<b>NET SHORTAGE .....</b>	<b>\$122,096.68</b>
<b>FY 2020/2021 Current Net Deficit .....</b>	<b>\$257,811.13</b>
<b>FY 2019/2020 Total Deficit .....</b>	<b>\$267,486.68</b>

Visit: [sjevangelist.com/giving](http://sjevangelist.com/giving) for more information or to set up and manage your account today!

Contact Cris Denning at: [cdenning@sjevangelist.com](mailto:cdenning@sjevangelist.com) or phone 785-843-0109 if you have any questions.

-Thank you for your continued generosity to St. John Parish!

# STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Center to request someone for the "Prayer List."

Thank you on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

Leslee Adams  
 Mariele Berthold  
 Jenn Bole  
 Andrew Bouchard  
 Susan Guenther Brown  
 Donna Callaghan  
 Bob Carlson  
 Ricky Dalton  
 Hank Desch  
 Christopher Erickson  
 Linda Erp  
 Noni Fallaria  
 Joanne Feist  
 Colette Fisher  
 Linda Flyer  
 Janet Fox  
 Rudy Fritz  
 Ed Garza  
 Wendy Glick  
 Michael Jay Gomez  
 Bonnie Griggs  
 Tony Guadian  
 Buddy Hadl  
 Lonna Hamm  
 Newt Hasson  
 Christian Heady  
 Luke Henry  
 Patsy Heptig  
 Charles Hermann  
 Kathy Higley  
 Janet Ikenberry  
 Michele Johnson  
 Joani Kampschroeder  
 Allen Kehde  
 Gretchen Kehde  
 Becky Kuhn  
 Diana Matthews  
 Leo Mauler  
 Russ McDonald  
 Ellen Mesa  
 Vickie Mesa

Zackary Messerly  
 Linden Morgan  
 Augustus Nelson  
 Mary Beth Nelson  
 Danny Nguyen  
 Theophilus Obiefule  
 Kathy Otter  
 Mike Owens  
 Julie Patterson  
 Josephine Ramirez  
 Mike Reilly  
 Joel Rivera  
 Virginia Romero  
 Jon Rossillon  
 James Sandy  
 Greg Schurer  
 Carole Scott  
 Mary Kay Seidl  
 Pete Sethatut  
 Christine Shipley  
 Gerald Simon  
 Brett Smith  
 Linda Snyder  
 Joseph Soza  
 Cameron Stupansky  
 Jack Taylor  
 Deloris Tharp  
 Amelia Tinio  
 Wendy Van Giezen  
 Cindy Vasquez  
 Marianne Vietti  
 Lou Volpe  
 Trent Wallace  
 Jeanette Walker  
 Ted Walker  
 Susan Williams  
 Jeannine Wyatt  
 Jon Yarnell

IN MEMORIAM  
 -JERRY SCHERER

## MINISTERS MAR 27-MAR 28 LECTORS

<b>Saturday</b>	
4:30pm .....	M Mauler
<b>Sunday</b>	
7:00am.....	S Goodwin
9:00am .....	L/W Smith
11:00am.....	C Ehrlich
5:00pm.....	T Edgecomb



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### MARCH 22 - MARCH 28

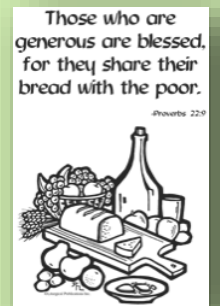
<b>Mon.:</b>	7:30 am.....	Betty Ericksont
<b>Tues.:</b>	7:30 am.....	Mary Jane Edwardst
<b>Wed.:</b>	7:30 am.....	Jerry Scherert
	5:10 pm (Sp.).....	Agripina Mendoza†
<b>Thurs.:</b>	7:30 am .....	Don Shoulberg†
	12:10 pm .....	Priest's Intention
<b>Fri.:</b>	7:30 am.....	Jason Denning†
	12:10 pm .....	Priest's Intention
<b>Sat.:</b>	8:00 am .....	Sharon McDonald†
	4:30 pm .....	Harry Mortont
<b>Sun.:</b>	7:00 am .....	Bernice Hornick†
	9:00am .....	Joyce Griffith†
	11:00 am.....	Nicholas Petert
	1:00 pm (Sp.).....	Margarita Vidal†
	5:00 pm.....	Parishioners of St. John

# ST. JOHN LINK ON TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) is located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, and provides nutritious meals to 150 people in need. Our parish helps LINK by rotating with other Lawrence churches to furnish food and volunteers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_



## FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

**Chili** - 11 batches of Chili. Each batch needs to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch       I can make two batches

**Vegetarian Chili or Casserole** - 1 batch to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch

**Bananas** - 120 bananas needed. When you sign up to bring bananas, we ask that you bring 15 bananas.

- I can bring 15 bananas       I can bring 30 bananas

**Salad** - Be creative. Bring enough to serve 15 people.

- I can bring one salad       I can bring two salads

**Salad Dressing**

- I can bring one bottle       I can bring two bottles

**Sliced Peaches** - We need 4 large cans of sliced peaches.

- I can bring 2 large cans       I can bring 4 large cans

**Green Beans**

- I can bring 1 can       I can bring 2 cans

**Shredded Cheddar Cheese** - We need 5lb of cheese.

- I can bring 1lb. of cheese       I can bring 2 lbs. of cheese

**Loaf of Bread-Wheat or White**

- I can bring 1 loaf       I can bring 2 loaves

**Fritos** - We need 5 large bags.

- I can bring 1 bag       I can bring 2 bags

**Crackers** - We need 3 boxes

- I can bring 1 box       I can bring 2 boxes

**Milk** - We need 10 gallons of 2% milk.

- I can bring 1 gallon       I can bring 2 gallons       I can bring 3 gallons

Return this form in collection plate or Parish Office, or contact: [vickimcmurray1944@gmail.com](mailto:vickimcmurray1944@gmail.com)

Bring items to the LINK kitchen located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, on **March 30 between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm.**

## KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Can't help with  
LINK this time?  
That's okay because there  
is another opportunity  
coming up soon!

# KIDS SHARING THE GOSPEL

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

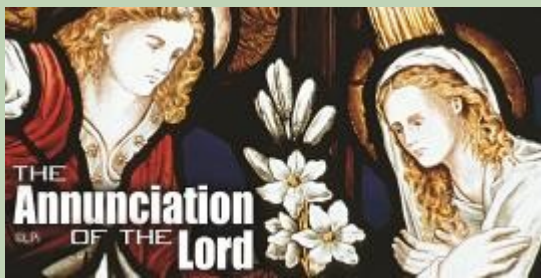
When you act bossy, selfish, or rude, no one will want to spend time with you. You will be lonely and unhappy. Follow the example of Jesus instead. Be strong in your faith. Do all that God asks you to do, even when it is not easy. Be honest. Be kind. Share what you have been given. Be helpful. Forgive. Show everyone what God is like. When you follow Jesus' example, you won't be lonely. When people around you see that your faith is real, they will come to you for help. They will want to know what makes you different. Then you can point them to Jesus.

## PRAYER

God, help me to follow Jesus. I want to show everyone how great you really are.

## SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself sharing your lunch with a friend who has no food.



## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

grain	wheat	dies
suffer	glory	voice
give	life	serve

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## MISSION

Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set the table. Take the trash out. Put away your toys and books without being asked. When your family notices you being so helpful, tell them you are trying to follow Jesus' example.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



## DAILY READINGS

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

## MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Jesús dijo: "Desátanlo y déjenlo caminar" (Juan 11:44). Ya estamos al umbral de la Pasión del Señor. A lo largo de la Cuaresma, hemos escuchado el amor de Dios por nosotros en cada mensaje del Evangelio. Desde las tentaciones de Jesús en el desierto, la transfiguración, la samaritana, el ciego de nacimiento, y hoy, la liturgia que nos sitúa en la resurrección de Lázaro, el Evangelio es de amor y vida. De estar atado de pies y manos, ha desatado, caminando libremente. Hoy el Señor nos desata de nuestros pecados, si lo deseamos. La promesa del Padre sigue viva en su Hijo Amado. Jesús lo afirma con sus palabras: Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá. El que vive, el que cree en mí, no morirá para siempre" (Juan 11:25-26).

Con Lázaro resucitado, Jesús anuncia su resurrección. Quien entendió bien el mensaje fue Marta, con su respuesta dada a la pregunta de Jesús: "Sí, Señor; yo creo que tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, el que tenía que venir al mundo" (Juan 11:27). El Santo Padre, dijo que el Señor "Nos invita, casi nos ordena, que salgamos de la tumba en la cual nuestros pecados nos han hundido. Nos llama insistentemente a salir de la oscuridad de la prisión en la que estamos encerrados, conformándonos con una vida falsa, egoísta, mediocre. 'Salí afuera!', nos dice. '¡Salí afuera!'. (Radio Vaticana 6 de abril 2014). El reto es salir sin miedo, confiando en la providencia de Dios, y en todo lo que se pueda hacer por desatar los nudos de la vida de los unos y los otros. ©LPi



"Yo les aseguro que si el grano de trigo, sembrado en la tierra, no muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere, producirá mucho fruto. Está llegando el juicio de este mundo; ya va a ser arrojado el príncipe de este mundo. Cuando yo sea levantado de la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí".

- Jn 12, 24. 31-3

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## MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **785-304-5509**.

## CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO

A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

## PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR

Cada primer sábado del mes de **6:00 a 9:00 de la noche**, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

## RECICLAGE

Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parróquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

## LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR

Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

Preparación al matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

## CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas información llamar a María Mota.

## CONFESIONES

**Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miércoles de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm** Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

## LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 21 DE MARZO

**Domingo:** Jr 31, 31-34/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 14-15 [12]/Heb 5, 7-9/Jn 12, 20-33 o Ez 37, 12-14/Rom 8, 8-11/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 [7]/Jn 11, 1-45 o 11, 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

**Lunes:** Dn 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 o 13, 41-62/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 [4]/Jn 8, 1-11

**Martes:** Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 101, 2-3. 16-18. 19-21 [2]/Jn 8, 21-30

**Miércoles:** Dn 3, 14-20. 91-92. 95/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56 [52]/Jn 8, 31-42

**Jueves:** Is 7, 10-14; 8, 10/Sal 39, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 11 [8. 9]/Heb 10, 4-10/Lc 1, 26-38

**Viernes:** Jr 20, 10-13/Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 5-6. 7 [cfr. 7]/Jn 10, 31-42

**Sábado:** Ez 37, 21-28/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13 [cfr. 10]/Jn 11, 45-56

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# SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By Susan Tabor,  
Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee,

## PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

Almighty God, our Creator, you love our human family and every work of your hands:

As children of Abraham, Jews, Christians, and Muslims, together with other believers and all persons of good will, we thank you for having given us Abraham, a distinguished son of this noble and beloved country, to be our common father in faith.

We thank you for his example as a man of faith, who obeyed you completely, left behind his family, his tribe and his native land, and set out for a land that he knew not.

We thank you too, for the example of courage, resilience, strength of spirit, generosity and hospitality set for us by our common father in faith.

We thank you in a special way for his heroic faith, shown by his readiness even to sacrifice his son in obedience to your command. We know that this was an extreme test, yet one from which he emerged victorious, since he trusted unreservedly in you, who are merciful and always offer the possibility of beginning anew.

We thank you because, in blessing our father Abraham, you made him a blessing for all peoples.

We ask you, the God of our father Abraham and our God, to grant us a strong faith, a faith that abounds in good works, a

faith that opens our hearts to you and to all our brothers and sisters; and a boundless hope capable of discerning in every situation your fidelity to your promises.

Make each of us a witness of your loving care for all, particularly refugees and the displaced, widows and orphans, the poor and the infirm.

Open our hearts to mutual forgiveness and in this way make us instruments of reconciliation, builders of a more just and fraternal society.

Welcome into your abode of peace and light all those who have died, particularly the victims of violence and war.

Assist the authorities in the effort to seek and find the victims of kidnapping and in a special way to protect women and children.

Help us to care for the earth, our common home, which in your goodness and generosity you have given to all of us.

Guide our hands in the work of rebuilding this country, and grant us the strength needed to help those forced to leave behind their homes and lands, enabling them to return in security and dignity, and to embark upon a new, serene and prosperous life.

Amen.

—Pope Francis, given during his Apostolic Journey to the Republic of Iraq

## FOCUS ON THE WORD

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell

us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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# AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

## THE USE OF THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON COVID-19 VACCINE

The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the U.S. was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable COVID-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.' However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's. For the full statement from the Bishops, moral considerations regarding the other vaccines, and a sample letter template to advocate for ethical vaccine research, production and testing, visit: [www.archkck.org/vaccines](http://www.archkck.org/vaccines).

## BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS AT ANNUNCIATION VIGIL MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP NAUMANN

Expectant parents are invited to receive a special blessing for their unborn children in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. This solemnity commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of our Savior. It calls us to reflect on the blessing of new life and how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child. All are invited! Solemnity of the Annunciation Vigil Mass with Archbishop Naumann **Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 pm** Prince of Peace Church 16000 W 143rd St., Olathe.

## PROJECT CHRYSALIS MEETING

The next Project Chrysalis meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 30 from 7:00-8:15 pm, and will be presented via Zoom**. Our guests will be Bob and Kelly Specht talking about mental health awareness and what we can do to better understand the importance of good mental health. Project Chrysalis is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents/grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. For more information and the Zoom link, contact Deacon Ken Billinger at **913-634-4210** or email [kbillinger@archkck.org](mailto:kbillinger@archkck.org). The group is open to parents or grandparents who have lost a child.



## EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday with Archbishop Naumann Each year on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. All are encouraged to join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation. Please join Archbishop Naumann in a Eucharistic Holy Hour either in-person or via livestream.

**Sunday, April 11, 3:00 pm**

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 2203 Parallel Ave, Kansas City KS In-person or Livestream link: <https://www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentkck>

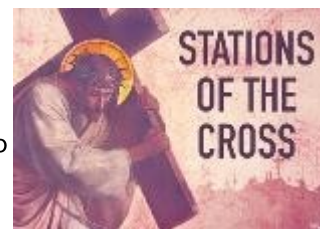


## GOOD FRIDAY "WAY OF THE CROSS" AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD ABORTION CLINIC

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, who carry a burden of regret and pain. On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service: Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion **Friday, April 2 10:00 am to 11:00 am** Planned Parenthood abortion clinic, 4401 W. 109th St, Overland Park, Ks 66211 Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for an end to this injustice in our land. For more information, please contact Ron Kelsey, Planned Parenthood Exposed, at: [ronkelsey10@gmail.com](mailto:ronkelsey10@gmail.com).

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR COUPLES

Calling all couples. Before you know it Easter will be here. You are invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross for Couples, to prepare for Holy Week. It will be a virtual encounter on **March 28 at 4:00 pm**. A Zoom link will be made available as the date approaches. Save this date and time.



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